

Child Development Education and Training

Child Care Grant funds may be used to access professional development opportunities including college courses and distance learning, training workshops, and conferences.

Alaska's Statewide Child Care Resource & Referral Network, **thread**, provides a wide range of training, on-site assistance and support for early care and education professionals to improve their skills and the quality of their programs. For statewide information visit www.threadalaska.org.

Contact information for regional **thread** offices:

South Central Alaska

Phone: (907) 265-3100
Toll free: 1-800-278-3723
Email: info@threadalaska.org

Southeast Alaska

Phone: (907) 789-1235
Toll free: 1-888-785-1235
Email: info@aeys-sea.org

Interior/ Northern Alaska

Resource phone: (907)-479-2214
Referral phone: (907)-479-2204
Toll free: 1-866-878-2273
Email: thread@thrivalaska.com

To participate in the Child Care Assistance Program contact the regional office nearest you:

Alaska Family Services: Municipality of Anchorage

(Anchorage, Bird Creek, Chugiak, Eagle River, Girdwood, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson)
Phone: (907) 644-5000

Alaska Family Services: Central

(Cordova, Glennallen, Mat-Su Valley, Palmer, Valdez, Wasilla)
Phone: (907) 373-4450
Toll free: 1-866-746-4080

The LeeShore Center: Coastal

(Aleutian Chain, Bristol Bay, Kenai Peninsula, Kodiak, Kotzebue, Nome)
Phone: (907) 283-4707
Toll free: 1-877-855-2227

thread: Northern

(Barrow, Fairbanks North Star Borough, Salcha, Tok, Yukon Kuskokwim Delta)
Phone: (907) 479-2212
Toll free: 1-855-479-2212

Catholic Community Service: Southeast

(Haines, Juneau, Ketchikan, Metlakatla, Petersburg, Prince of Wales, Skagway, Sitka, Wrangell)
Phone: (907) 463-6184
Toll free: 1-800-505-6124

Child Care Program Office:

Statewide: Eligibility for Child Care Assistance PASS I and Approved Providers

Municipality of Anchorage: Eligibility for ALL Providers (Approved, Approved Relative, In-home, Licensed)

Phone: (907) 269-4500
Toll free: 1-888-268-4632



Child Care Grant Program

Monthly Reimbursements Supporting Licensed Child Care Providers



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Website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/ccare>



Eligibility

To apply for the Child Care Grant Program, please contact the Child Care Program Office or visit our website for an application:

<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/ccare/>

To participate in the Child Care Grant Program a child care provider must:

- Be licensed by the State of Alaska as a Child Care Home, Group Home or Center; or
- Be licensed by the Municipality of Anchorage as a Child Care Home or Center; and
- Participate in the State of Alaska Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP).

For continued participation, within 6 months of approval a child care provider/facility must, provide child care for 1 child or 5% of the children in care, whichever is greater, who have been issued an authorization through the CCAP which includes the Office of Children's Services.



Promotes Quality Child Care

The Child Care Grant Program promotes quality child care by supporting and encouraging professional development, the retention of early care and education professionals, and safe and healthy environments for children in care.

Key indicators to quality child care include the following:

- Licensed by the State of Alaska as a Child Care Home, Group Home or Center
- Licensed by the Municipality of Anchorage as a Child Care Home or Center
- Low child to caregiver ratio
- Dedicated caregivers who have education and training in child development
- Safe, welcoming and nurturing child care setting
- Culturally rich environment
- Activities that promote intellectual, social, emotional, language and communication, and physical development
- Nutritious meals and snacks
- Inclusion of children with special needs
- Encouraging involvement of parents and families

What the Child Care Grant May Reimburse

Child Care Grant funds assist licensed providers with operational costs associated with their facilities.

Monthly reimbursement amounts are based on children's attendance and the Child Care Grant Rate Schedule. Categories of expenditures allowable for reimbursement related to facility operation include the following:

- Staff salaries and benefits
- Costs of providing substitute care
- Health and safety costs
- Costs of supplies, equipment, and activities for children in care
- Child development education and training

